

Prairie City SVRA

Off-Highway Jr. Ranger Adventure Guide





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Complete all the activities to earn your official Junior Ranger Badge.

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We want YOU!



Welcome! You are taking your first steps toward becoming a Prairie City Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Junior Ranger! Just complete this activity book and two of the four activities listed below. When you're done, turn in your activity booklet and take the pledge at the Ranger Station to receive your official Junior Ranger Badge.

Checklist

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Interview someone who works at the park by asking him/her about their job.

1. What do you enjoy most about your job?

2. What is your favorite off-highway vehicle?

Now create your own question to ask him/her.

3. Question: _____

Answer: _____

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Ride one of Prairie City trails. Describe the trail.

I chose the _____ Trail.

Describe: _____

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Participate in a OHV Junior Ranger Program. This is either a ride guided by park staff or a meet up spot for a talk. (See page 12)

Interpreter/ Leader: _____

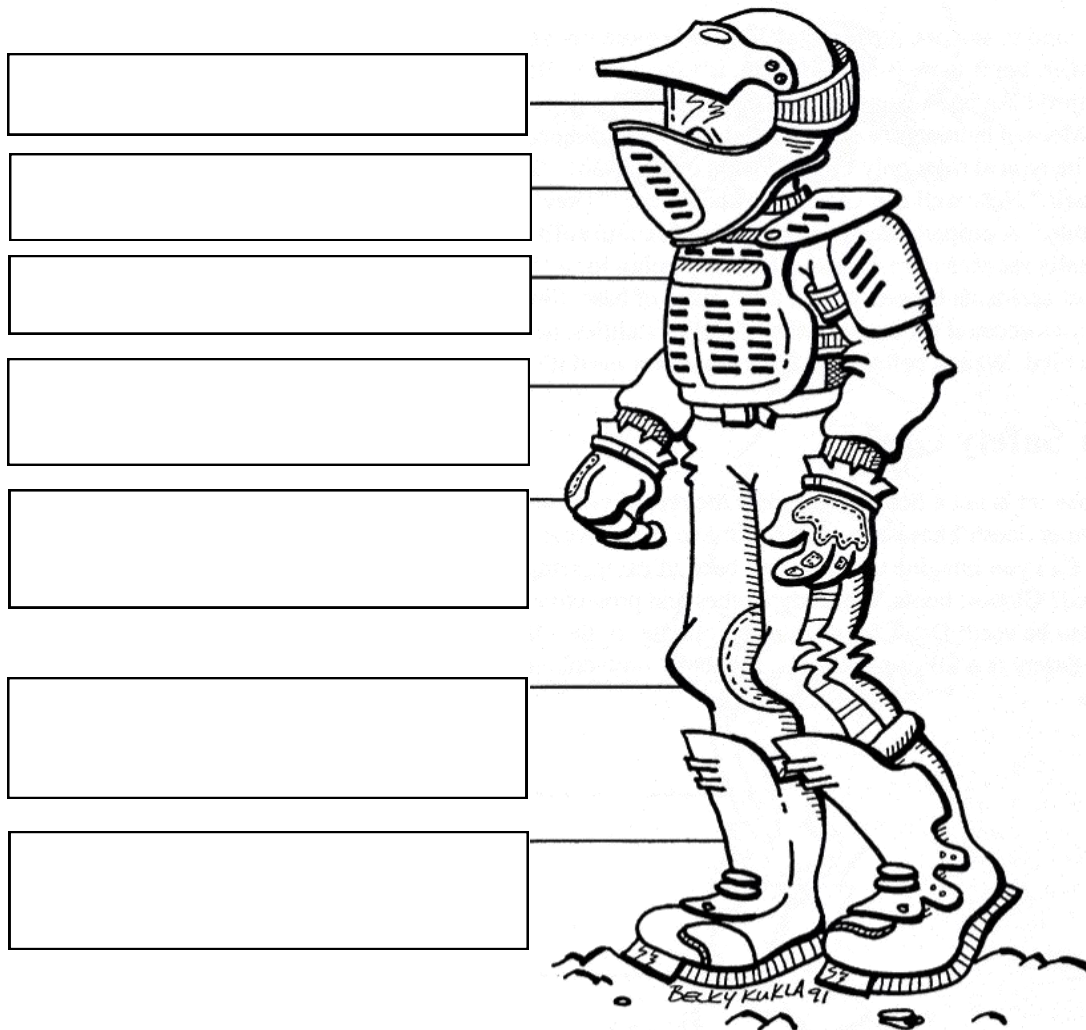
Program title: _____

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Write a letter to the Superintendent of Prairie City SVRA. We want to hear from you on page 13.

Dirt Bike & ATV Safety Gear

OHV Rangers want all riders to be safe. Safety gear is not only for your protection; it's the law. Match the names of the safety gear from the list below.



DRESS LIKE A PRO!

Goggles

Gloves

Chest Protector

Boots

Long Sleeves

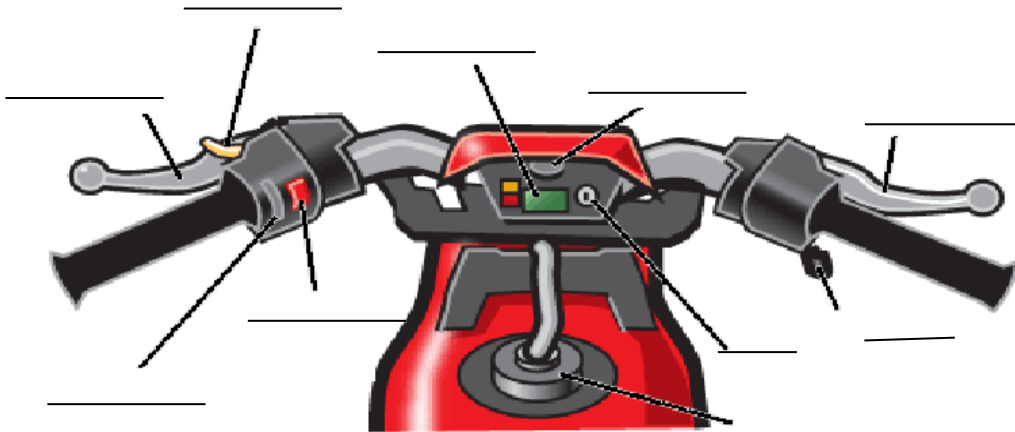
Helmet

Off-Road Pants

Know your Vehicle

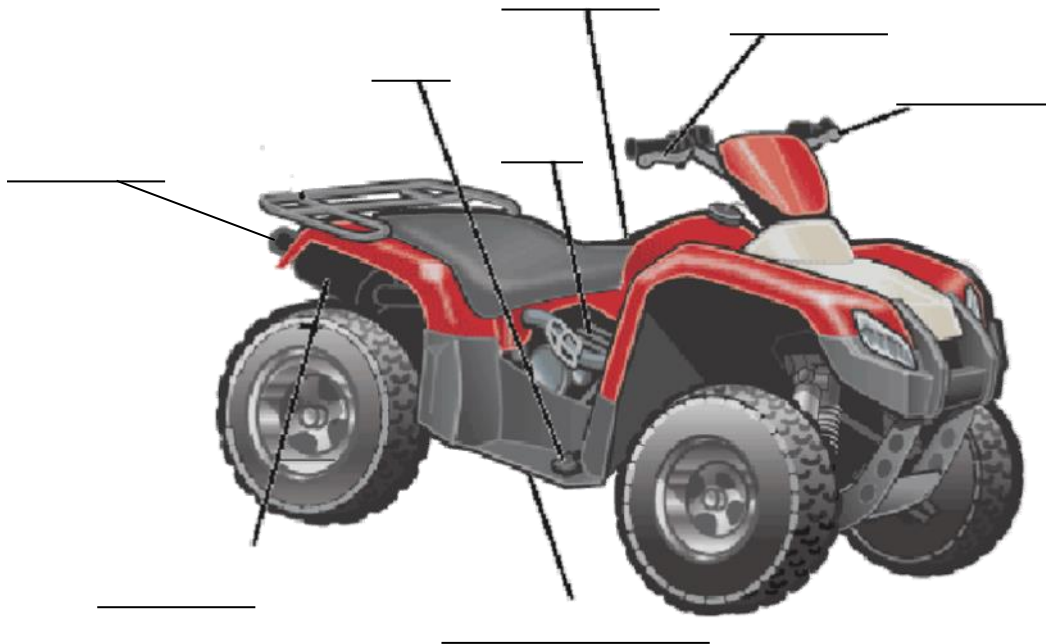
Pick the vehicle that you ride most and follow the directions for matching the controls and parts of your vehicle.

ATV riders, match the number to the control/part. **Skip page if you ride dirt bike.**



Controls of an ATV

1. Parking Brake 2. Headlight Switch 3. Engine Stop Switch 4. Choke/ Primer 5. Throttle Lever
6. Fuel Cap 7. Ignition Switch 8. Clutch or Rear Brake Lever 9. Instruments
10. Front Brake Lever

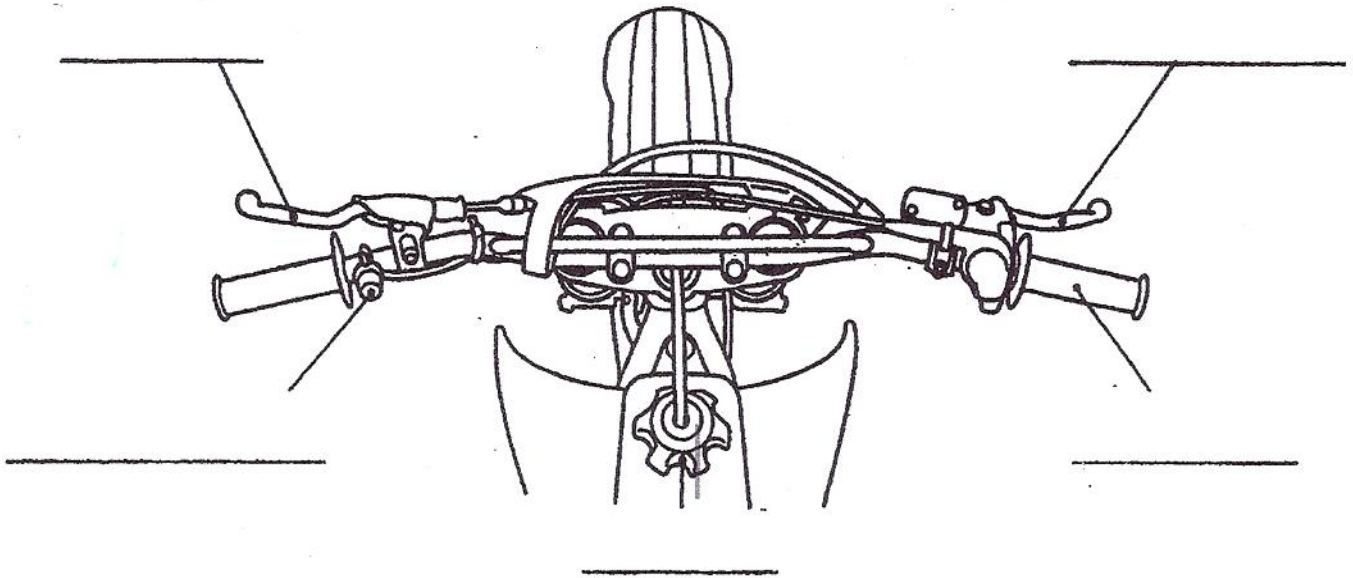


Parts of an ATV

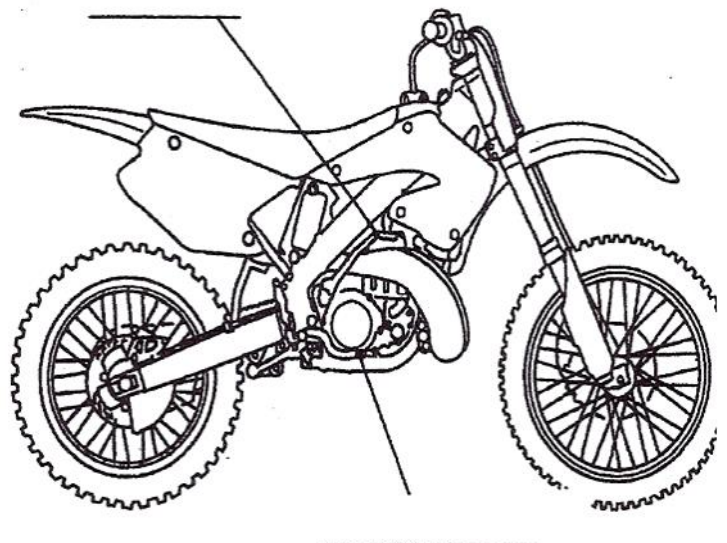
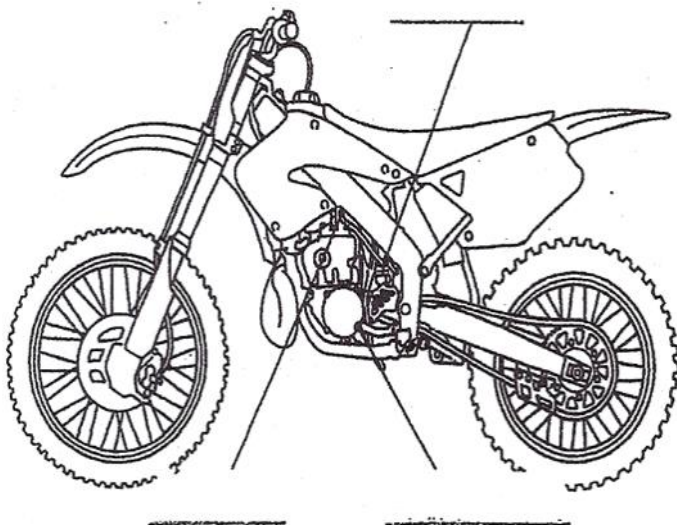
11. Muffler/ Spark Arrestor 12. Footrest 13. Engine 14. Rack 15. Rear Brake
16. Fuel Shut –Off Valve 17. Front Brake Lever 18. Rear Brake or Clutch lever

Know your Vehicle

Dirt bike riders, match the number to the control and parts.



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|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.) Clutch Lever | 2) Front Brake Lever | 3) Fuel Cap | 4) Throttle Grip |
| 5) Choke Knob | 6) Left Gear Shift Pedal | 7) Rear Brake | 8) Oil Cap |
| 9) Engine Kill Switch | | 10) Kick Starter | |



Pre-Ride Inspection Dirt Bike & ATV

An OHV Junior Ranger will always make sure that his/her vehicle is in good working order before hitting the trails. Using the words around the dirt bike, fill in the blanks to form the proper pre-ride checklist.

What is T-Clock?

T = _____

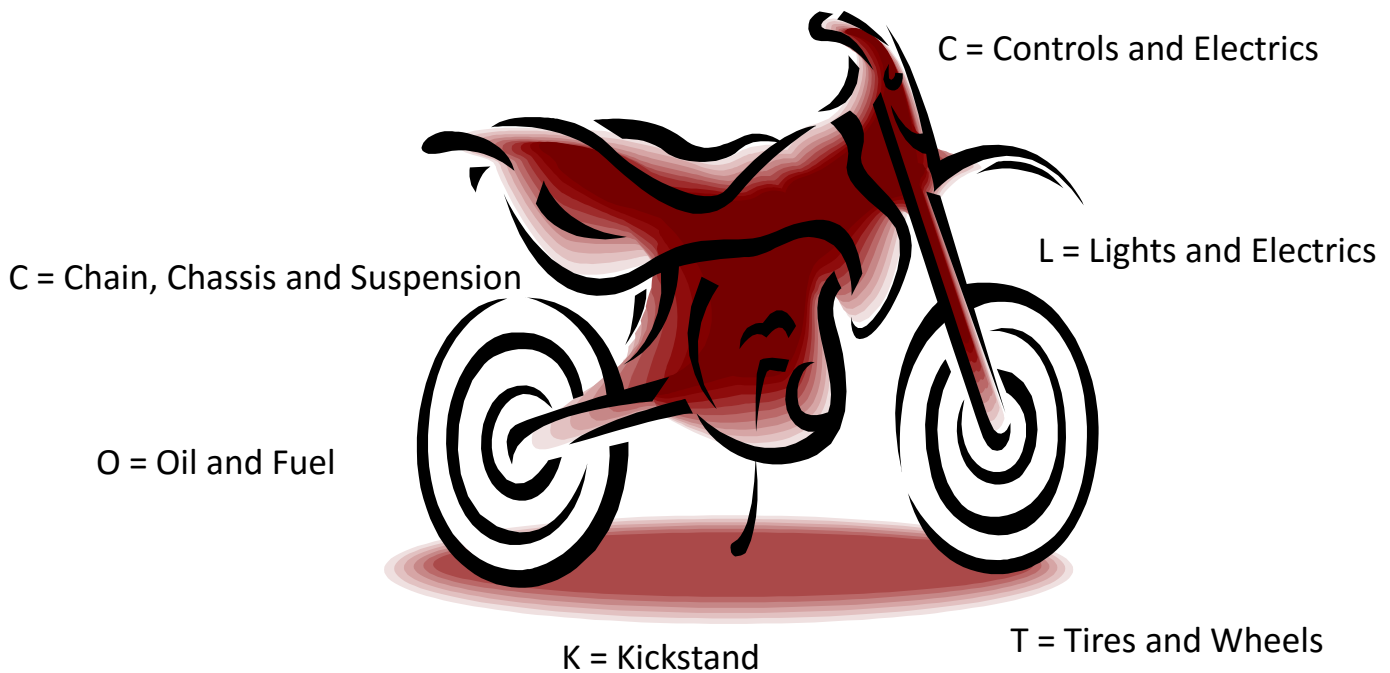
C = _____

L = _____

O = _____

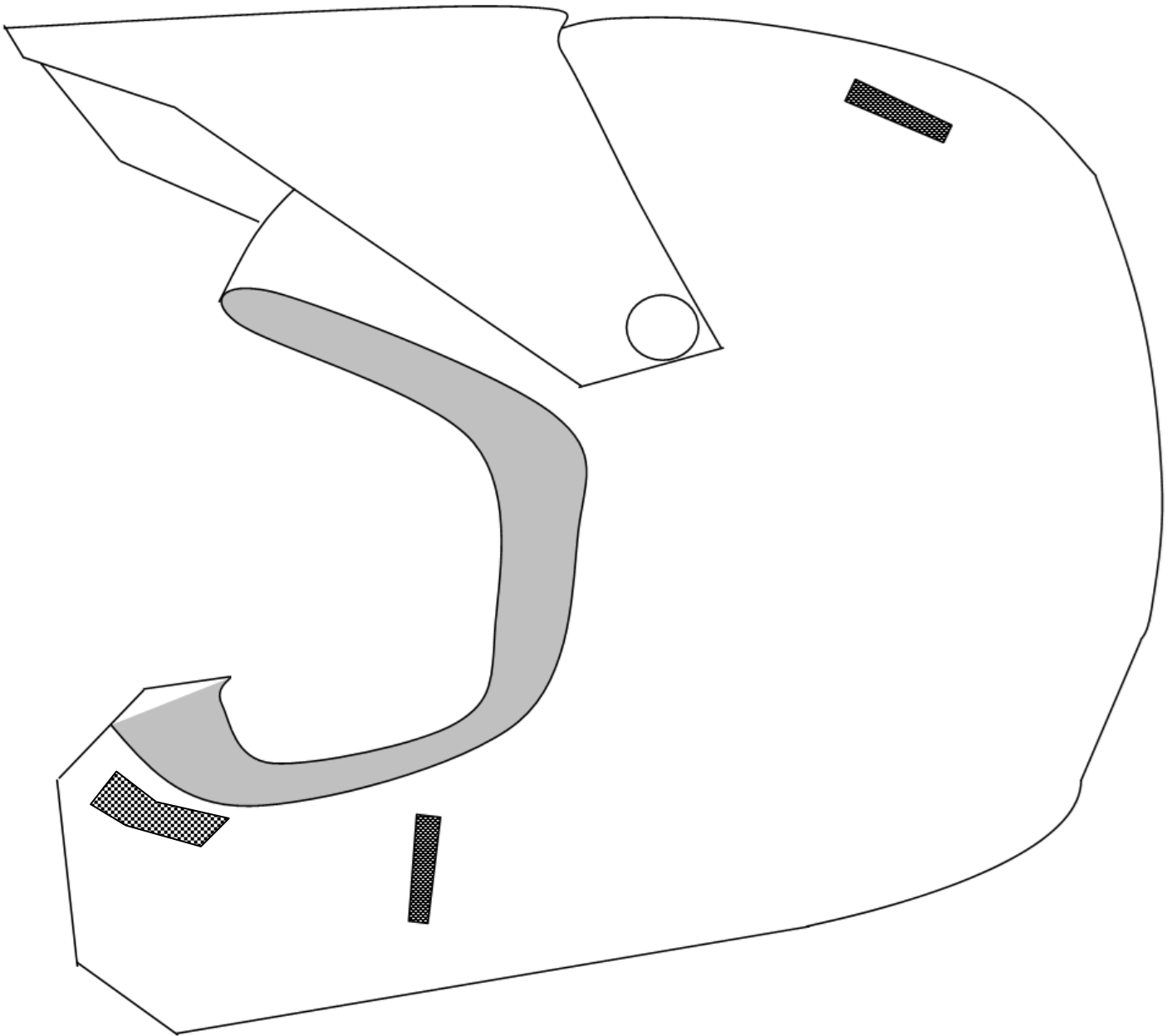
C = _____

K = _____



Design a helmet wrap!

Using the blank helmet, create a safety or nature wrap that you would wear around
Prairie City SVRA



Tread lightly!® Pledge

Tread Lightly!® is a national nonprofit organization with a mission: To promote responsible outdoor recreation through ethics, education, and stewardship.



Help Lightfoot the Squirrel find the underlined words.

E	D	U	C	A	T	E	V
N	V	C	E	A	B	I	L
F	S	O	E	M	A	E	C
W	J	J	Q	D	V	C	G
Z	R	E	V	A	I	I	S
I	I	E	R	B	U	Y	T
L	H	T	S	Q	S	E	C
F	X	D	N	P	C	R	W
M	Y	M	R	R	E	S	K
K	M	R	Y	I	Z	C	L
U	R	N	Q	I	A	Z	T
P	A	V	O	I	D	O	Y

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY

AVOID SENSITIVE AREAS

RESPECT OTHERS

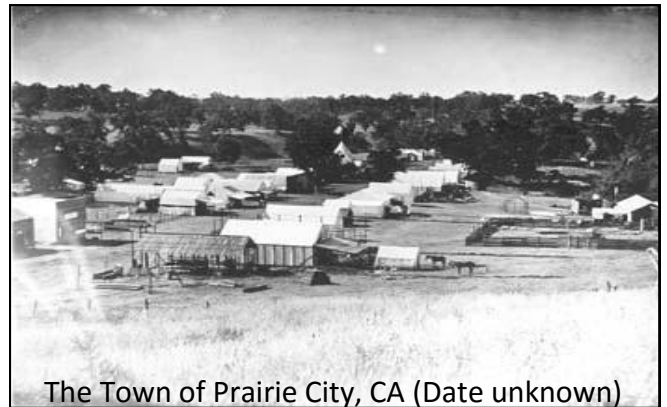
DO YOUR PART

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Prairie City people of the past...

Rangers help visitors get to know the stories of California's past. What can you find out about the history of Prairie City. (**Hint:** Ask a Ranger).

The name Prairie City comes from the early 1850's. But, before ATVs and dirt bikes rode the hills of Prairie City SVRA, and even before the Gold Rush people called this land their home. The first people to settle the area were the Valley Nisenan Maidu tribe. This tribe used resources like acorns, willow branches and rocks in their everyday lives.



The Town of Prairie City, CA (Date unknown)

With the discovery of gold in 1848, people from eastern United States traveled west to make their fortune. With such a large emigration, small towns would pop up around the state. June of 1853 marks the first record of the town of Prairie City which was located northeast of the present-day park site. The town had almost 2,000 residents. When the gold started to dry up so did the town. By 1860 the town of Prairie City was little more than a post office and just one house!

In 1930, the Capital Dredging company purchased the land to start a new mining operation. In the 1960's Aerojet orchestrated the land to develop rocket engines. When the funding ran out for the rockets in 1972 Aerojet sold the land. Roy McGill and his wife Mary leased 435 acres of the present-day park site from Aerojet to create a motorcycle riding competition facility called McGill's Cycle Park. Sacramento County and California Off-Highway Vehicle Division would purchase the McGill's Cycle park and in 1988 California State Parks assumed management of the park.

Name one special thing that happened here in the past.

Who are some of the people or groups that have lived where this park is today?



Prairie City SVRA Scavenger Hunt

OHV Junior Rangers love riding and nature. Do you love nature? Can you find each of these things in the park? Please leave everything in place so that others may discover them too.



Find something in nature that is: **What did you find?**

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Prickly

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Soft

☐

Hard

☐

Colorful

☐

Crawling

Listen for:

What did you hear?

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A natural sound

Look for:

What did you see?

☐

Something flying

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Write a few sentences about what you can do to help protect Prairie City SVRA and keep the park beautiful.

Signs of Wildlife

Below are some animal tracks that might be found at Prairie City SVRA. See if you can match the track with the animal.



Coyote



Bobcat



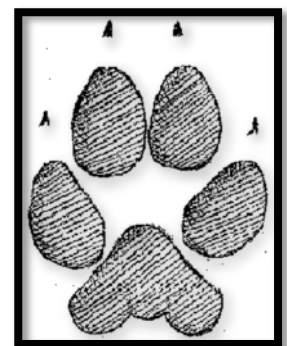
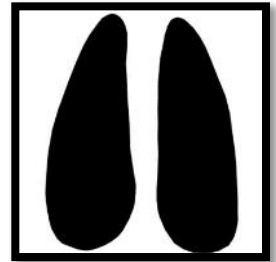
Deer



Rabbit



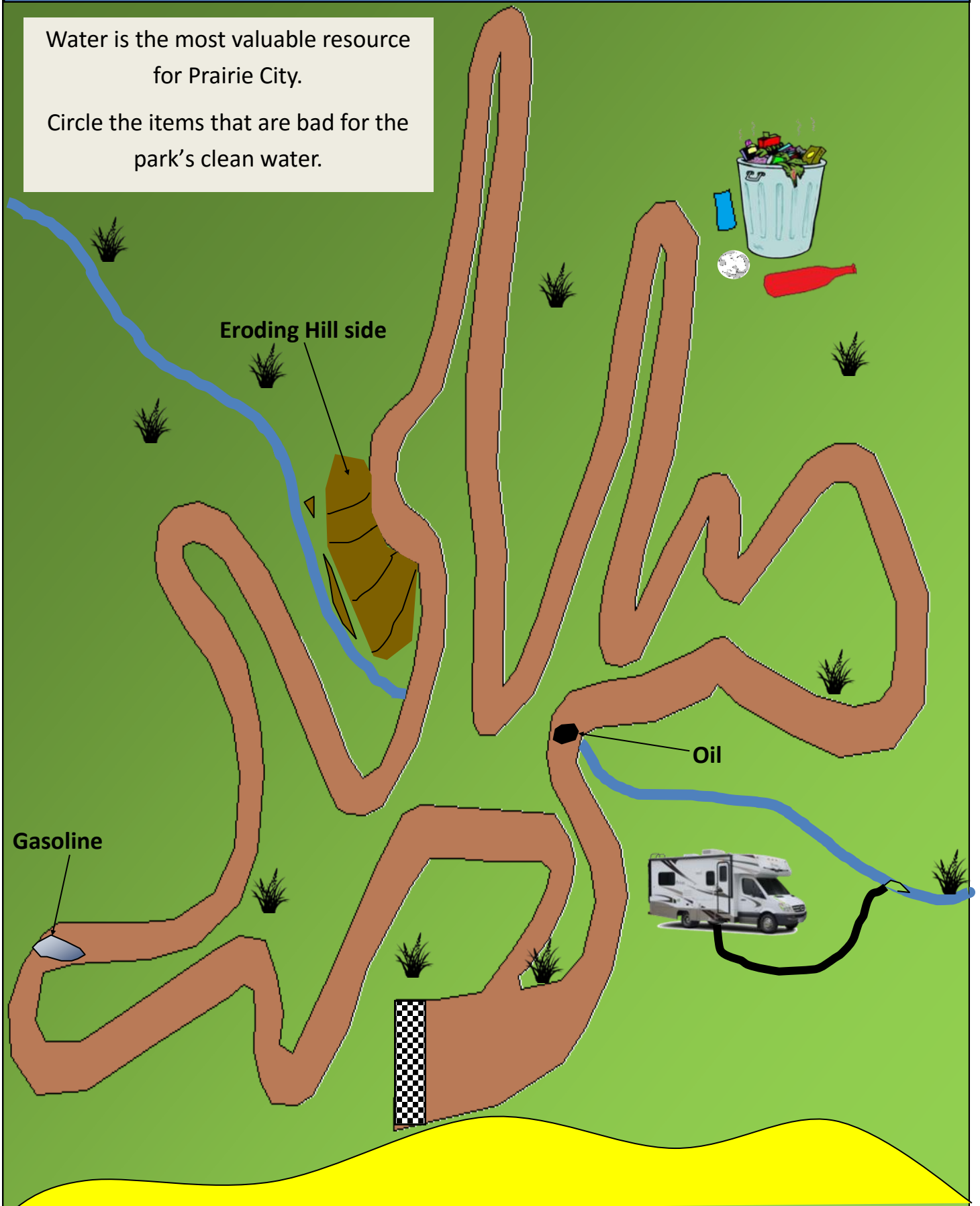
Turkey



Help Clean Up Prairie City MX

Water is the most valuable resource for Prairie City.

Circle the items that are bad for the park's clean water.





OHV Junior Ranger Program

Park staff lead fun and exciting rides and programs. They also make sure visitors ride safely and responsibly, and help to protect our recreation privileges. Attend one of the OHV Junior Ranger Programs and write down a few things you learned below.

Main message (theme) of the program: _____

What did you learn: _____





Dear Superintendent of Prairie City SVRA,

Leave this letter at the Ranger Station or comment box as you leave the park.

Junior



Rangers

This Certifies that

has completed the Prairie City Off-Highway Junior Ranger Program and has proven he/she is a safe rider and cares about the environment and history of his/her California Off-Highway Vehicle Parks.



Park Official Signature